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## Programme of meetings and agenda



### Official meetings

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#### Security Council

##### Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00

1787th meeting (closed)

Conference Room 9 (CB)

#### Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

15:00 to 18:00

Informal meeting (closed)

Conference Room 7 (NLB)

#### General Assembly Sixty-eighth session

Informal informal consultations on the intergovernmental process on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system will take place *today*, 17 January 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB), and at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 January 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.



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**General Assembly**  
Sixty-eighth session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) of the plenary *today*, 17 January 2014, at 11:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on priorities for 2014.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 January 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. *Member States are encouraged to attend at the ambassadorial level.*

**Security Council**

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 20 January 2014, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail [dpa-scsb3@un.org](mailto:dpa-scsb3@un.org); fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

**General Assembly****Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**  
Informal briefing

The Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, *today*, 17 January 2014, at 15:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB), on sexual violence in conflict; and gender.

**United Nations Children's Fund****Executive Board**  
Informal briefing

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on "Private fundraising: 2014 workplan and proposed budget" (via video link); and a thematic discussion on the work of UNICEF in humanitarian situations, *today*, 17 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

### Other meetings

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**Friday, 17 January 2014**

**Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)**

15:00 to 17:30

Closed meeting

Conference Room 4 (NLB)

**Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room B (CB)

### Other activities

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**Friday, 17 January 2014**

**International Expert Group Meeting on "Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights: Articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Broddi Sigurðarson, DESA (e-mail sigurdarson@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2106).]

**Panel discussion on "Constructing the Post-2015 Development Agenda – The rule of law as a driver of inclusive development opportunities" (co-organized by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) and the Permanent Mission of Finland)**

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).  [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Judit Arenas, IDLO (e-mail jarenas@idlo.int; tel. 1 (646) 561-4357).]

**Special event on "Voices from Syria" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)**

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).  [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ingrid Magnus, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail imag@mfa.no, tel. 1 (646) 430-7562 or 1 (646) 430-7510).]

## Press conferences

*The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at [www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp](http://www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp).*

**Friday, 17 January 2014**

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

12:00

Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12:30

His Excellency Sir Mark Lyall Grant, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg

## Forthcoming official meetings

### General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please [click here](#).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-eighth session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9 to 16, 18, 19 (a), (b) and (h), 21 (d), 29 to 31, 33 to 36, 38, 39, 41 to 47, 53, 63 (a) and (b), 67 (b), 70 (a) to (d), 85, 111, 112, 114 (b), 115 (a), (d) and (e), 116 (g), (h) and (i), 117 to 126, 128, 129, 131 to 135 and 137 to 165.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (rooms S-3055 and S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please [click here](#) for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

*Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to [gaab@un.org](mailto:gaab@un.org), or to [dpu-dgacm@un.org](mailto:dpu-dgacm@un.org), to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

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**General Assembly****2014 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment**

The 2014 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment will take place from Monday, 20, to Friday, 31 January 2014. The plenary meeting will be held on Monday, 20 January 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The tentative agenda and documents have been sent to Member States by mail and e-mail. A hard copy of the tentative agenda and issue papers will be distributed at the meeting. The secretariat of the 2014 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment is located in room NLB-02066. Member States are required to e-mail the list of participants to the secretariat prior to the meeting ([qik@un.org](mailto:qik@un.org) or [kyei-asare@un.org](mailto:kyei-asare@un.org)).

The election of the Bureau of 2014 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment will be held during the plenary meeting. After the election of the Bureau, three Sub-Working Groups will be formed and meet in Conference Rooms 4, 5 and 6 (NLB).

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**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations****Informal briefing**

The Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support will provide an informal briefing (closed) on helicopters, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Wednesday, 22 January 2014, at 13:15, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

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**Preparatory Committee for the Third International Conference  
on Small Island Developing States**

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first session from Monday, 24 to Wednesday, 26 February 2014, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to discuss the objectives and substantive theme of the Conference and organizational and procedural matters, including the rules of procedure, and to elect the Bureau, pursuant to resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013 (currently available in document A/68/438/Add.2).

Regional groups are invited to nominate two States each for the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to the said resolution. Nominations should be submitted, *in writing*, by each regional group to the secretariat (e-mail [muturi@un.org](mailto:muturi@un.org)). A letter from the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, dated on 27 December 2013, was sent to the Chairs of the regional groups.

### **Committee on Contributions** Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

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### **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)**

#### **Executive Board**

##### *First regular session 2014*

The first regular session 2014 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held on Monday, 20 January 2014, in the Conference Room 2 (CB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2014/L.1. To consult documentation for the session, please [click here](#). In addition to their requests to be inscribed on the speakers list, Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board ([rocio.torres@unwomen.org](mailto:rocio.torres@unwomen.org)).

The election of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UN-Women for the year 2014 will be held during this session.

The upcoming first regular session 2014 will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hard copies, all documentation will be made available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail [papersmart.eb@unwomen.org](mailto:papersmart.eb@unwomen.org)), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session. A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

*Joint meeting*

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 3 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat ([papersmart@un.org](mailto:papersmart@un.org)), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery. Delegations are also requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Hard copies of statements will not be distributed during the session. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the PaperSmart Portal.

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**Economic and Social Council**

2014 session

Informal informal consultations convened by the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Austria), and facilitated by Mr. Jöske Emrich (Austria), will be held on Tuesday, 21 January 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A (CB), on the provisional programme of work of the Council for 2014 and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development for 2014, under the auspices of the Council.

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**Commission for Social Development***Informal briefing*

The Chair of the fifty-second session of the Commission for Social Development, Mrs. Sewa Lamsal Adhikari (Nepal), will hold an informal briefing for all interested delegations on the programme of work of the fifty-second session of the Commission, on Tuesday, 21 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

*Fifty-second session*

The fifty-second session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Tuesday, 11, to Friday, 21 February 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2014/1. For further information on the fifty-second and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

*Participation and seating arrangements*

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Ochalik, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail [ochalik@un.org](mailto:ochalik@un.org); fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *Friday, 7 February 2014*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail [doultonf@un.org](mailto:doultonf@un.org)).

*General discussion and list of speakers*

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all) will begin on Tuesday, 11 February 2014, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Thursday, 13 February 2014, in the morning. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2014/1.

The lists of speakers will be opened on Monday, 20 January 2014. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Radhika Ochalik (e-mail [ochalik@un.org](mailto:ochalik@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

*Statements and PaperSmart arrangements*

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the room.

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-second session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to [papersmart2@un.org](mailto:papersmart2@un.org). The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

*Participation of non-governmental organizations*

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

*List of side events*

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-second session of the Commission is accessible by *clicking here*.

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**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**  
2014 regular session

The 2014 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Tuesday, 21, to Thursday, 30 January, and on Friday, 7 February 2014, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2014/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail [elliotts@un.org](mailto:elliotts@un.org) (c/o Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail [komatina@un.org](mailto:komatina@un.org); room S-3057)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs ([www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/](http://www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/)). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

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## United Nations Children's Fund

### Executive Board

#### *Pre-session briefing*

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (4-7 February 2014) will take place on Tuesday, 21 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on the Gender Action Plan and a joint informal briefing by UNFPA and UNICEF on the joint evaluation of the Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting.

#### *First regular session*

The 2014 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 4, to Friday, 7 February 2014, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2014/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the UNICEF Executive Board website ([click here](#)). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF, (e-mail [harai@unicef.org](mailto:harai@unicef.org); fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 31 January 2014*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2014 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the 'Documents' webpage of the Executive Board website. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal that will make available all supporting in-session documentation (presentations, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail [dleano@unicef.org](mailto:dleano@unicef.org))). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal. Delegations are further requested to bring 15 hard copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

#### *Joint meeting*

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 3 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat ([papersmart@un.org](mailto:papersmart@un.org)), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery. Delegations are also requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Hard copies of statements will not be distributed during the session. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the PaperSmart Portal.

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### **Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

#### *First regular session 2014*

The first regular session 2014 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 27 to Friday, 31 January 2014, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2014/L.1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment please *click here*. Member States or agency representatives planning to attend the first regular session 2014 are requested to send their names to [anglin@unfpa.org](mailto:anglin@unfpa.org) and copy to [ferguson@unfpa.org](mailto:ferguson@unfpa.org).

#### *Joint meeting of the Executive Boards*

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will be held on Monday, 3 February 2014, at 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional agenda, annotations and background documents will be available on the UNDP Executive Board website. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat ([papersmart@un.org](mailto:papersmart@un.org)), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery. Delegations are also requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Hard copies of statements will not be distributed during the session. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the PaperSmart Portal.

### **Forthcoming other meetings**

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#### **Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)**

*Monday, 27 January 2014, from 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room A (CB).*

### **Forthcoming other activities**

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#### **Workshop on “Genocide prevention” (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide)**

*Monday, 20 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:30 and from 14:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B (CB); and*

*Tuesday, 21 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:15 and from 14:15 to 17:30, in Conference Room B (CB).*

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please [click here](#). For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail [nyo@unitar.org](mailto:nyo@unitar.org)).]

#### **Women’s International Forum: Meeting on “The Post-2015 Development Agenda – Enabling a life of dignity for all” (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)**

*Monday, 20 January 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).*

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please [click here](#).]

#### **Panel discussion on the situation in the Gaza Strip and screening of a documentary on the impact of the 23-day Operation Cast Lead (on the occasion of the International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (A/RES/68/12)) (organized by the Working Group of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People)**

*Monday, 20 January 2014, from 14:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please [click here](#); or contact Ms. Ruth Valenzuela, Department of Political Affairs (e-mail [valenzuela2@un.org](mailto:valenzuela2@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-8231).]

**Open Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations)**

*Friday, 14 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (e-mail [annap@unops.org](mailto:annap@unops.org); tel. 1 (212) 457-1810).]

**Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters****General Assembly****Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**  
United Nations Office at Geneva

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first session from Monday, 14 to Tuesday 15, July 2014, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, to review the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference, approve the programme of work of the Conference, and propose rules of procedure for adoption by the Conference, and to elect the Bureau, pursuant to resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013 (currently available in document A/68/438/Add.3, paragraph 7). Regional groups are invited to nominate two States each for the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to the said resolution. Nominations should be submitted, *in writing*, by each regional group to the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) (e-mail [palm@un.org](mailto:palm@un.org)) by *Friday, 14 February 2014*. A letter from Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, dated 2 January 2014, was sent to the Chairs of the regional groups.

**Announcements****Thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (18 February 2014)**

Delegations from States who are parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are reminded that the deadline for submission of candidates for the casual vacancy on the Human Rights Committee is Wednesday, 22 January 2014.

To date, the Secretariat has received no nominations for this vacancy.

Under articles 33 and 34 of the Covenant, vacancies on the Committee are filled through open elections and nominations of qualified candidates may be submitted by any State Party.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary of the Human Rights Committee, Ms. Kate Fox (e-mail [kfox@ohchr.org](mailto:kfox@ohchr.org)), at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

**International Law Commission Trust Fund**

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a trust fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the trust fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail [sooksatan@un.org](mailto:sooksatan@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

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**Cancellation of the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2014**

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean that were scheduled to take place in 2014 have been cancelled due to lack of funding.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail [morrisv@un.org](mailto:morrisv@un.org)).

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**Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies**

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (18 February 2014): extraordinary election to replace one member of the Human Rights Committee who resigned ([click here](#) for general information);

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 ([click here](#) for general information);

Thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 ([click here](#) for general information);

Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 ([click here](#) for general information); and

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Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections ([click here](#)), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail [turpin@un.org](mailto:turpin@un.org); tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

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#### **Online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

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## Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 16 January 2014

### Security Council

 [archived video]

7095th meeting

#### *The situation in Mali*

*Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali (S/2014/1)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire and Mali to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Albert Koenders, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Koenders.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Mali and Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)).

### General Assembly

#### Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

 [archived video]

357th meeting

#### *Adoption of the agenda [item 1]*

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda of the meeting (A/AC.183/2014/L.1).

#### *Election of officers [item 2]*

The Committee re-elected His Excellency Abdou Salam Diallo (Senegal) as Chair; His Excellency Zahir Tanin (Afghanistan), His Excellency Rodolfo Reyes Rodríguez (Cuba), His Excellency Desra Percaya (Indonesia), His Excellency Wilfried I. Emvula (Namibia) and Her Excellency María Rubiales de Chamorro (Nicaragua) as Vice-Chairs; and His Excellency Christopher Grima (Malta) as Rapporteur.

The Chair of the Committee made a statement in his capacity as Permanent Representative of Senegal.

*Launch of the International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People* [item 3]

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Chair of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine made a statement.

The Co-Chair of the NGO Working Group on Israel-Palestine made a statement.

*Draft programme of work for 2014* [item 4]

The Chair, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced the draft programme of work of the Committee for 2014 (A/AC.183/2014/CRP.1).

The Permanent Representatives of Ecuador, Morocco and Iraq made statements.

The Committee adopted its programme of work for 2014.

The Director, Representative Office in New York, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), made a statement.

*Accreditation of civil society organizations (working paper No. 1)* [item 5]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee approved the working paper No. 1.

*Other matters* [item 6]

The Chair made a statement.

## General information

### Chairs of the regional groups

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Ghana  
His Excellency Ken Kanda

#### *Asia-Pacific States:*

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Mr. Lukmon Isomatov  
*Chargé d'affaires*

*Eastern European States:*

Ukraine

His Excellency Yuriy Sergeyev

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

His Excellency Sacha Sergio Llorentty Solíz

*Western European and other States:*

Monaco

Her Excellency Isabelle F. Picco

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